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SUBJECT: PL 480 FOOD ASSISTANCE TO LAOS

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1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF THAI-LAO ECONOMIC/POLITICAL
RELATIONS JUNE 6, DCM DISCUSSED WITH MFA UNDER SECRETARY ARUN
PHANUPONG RTG REACTION TO USG DECISION TO CONTRIBUTE 10,000 TONS
OF RICE TO WFP FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO LAOS. ARUN INDICATED
HE THOUGHT RTG WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH US ACTION. FOR ONE
THING, HE SAID, THAILAND DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH RICE FOR EXPORT
FOLLOWING LAST YEAR'S DROUGHT. SECOND, THE ACTION COMPLIMENTED
THAILAND'S OWN INITIATIVES TOWARD LAOS.

2. WHILE INDICATING THAT PRESENT CONTRIBUTION BY US CONSTITUTED NO PROBLEM FOR THAILAND, ARUN SAID RTG WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING KEPT INFORMED ON PLANS FOR FUTURE SHIPMENTS. HE INTIMATED
THAT UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES (READ RICE
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SURPLUS OR A TOUGHER RTG POLICY TOWARD LAOS)
THAILAND COULD BE SOMEWHAT LESS RECEPTIVE.
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